

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
for Authority, Among Other Things, to Increase  
Revenue Requirements for Electric and Gas  
Service and to Increase Rates and Charges for Gas  
Service Effective on January 1, 2003.

(U 39 M)

Application 02-11-017  
(Filed November 8, 2002)

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
Pursuant to Resolution E-3770 for  
Reimbursement of Costs Associated with Delay  
in Implementation of PG&E's New Customer  
Information System Caused by the 2002 20/20  
Customer Rebate Program.

(U 39 E)

Application 02-09-005  
(Filed September 6, 2002)

Investigation on the Commission's Own Motion  
into the Rates, Operations, Practices, Service and  
Facilities of Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

Investigation 03-01-012  
(Filed January 16, 2003)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING SHORTENING TIME  
FOR FILING COMMENTS ON THE MOTION FOR APPROVAL  
OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

On September 15, 2003, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), the Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA), The Utility Reform Network (TURN), Aglet Consumer Alliance (Aglet), the Modesto Irrigation District (MID), the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), and the Agricultural Energy Consumers Association (AECA), collectively, "Settling Parties", filed a Motion for Approval of a Settlement Agreement and a Request to Shorten Time to file comments on the Settlement Agreement. The Settling Parties requested that

responses to the Request to Shorten Time be due on September 19, 2003 and comments on the Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement be due on September 30, 2003. By electronic ruling on September 16, 2003, Assistant Chief Administrative Law Judge Lynn Carew directed interested parties to file responses to the Request to Shorten Time by September 19, 2003. No party filed a response to the Request to Shorten Time.

Rule 51.4 provides that parties who do not join in a proposed settlement have 30 days to file comments contesting all or part of the settlement and 15 days to file reply comments. In this case, the Settling Parties state that the Request to Shorten Time is appropriate because the settlement is sponsored by most of the active parties and resolves all but one issue, and because the settlement was submitted after the development of a full evidentiary record on all the issues addressed therein. The Settling Parties state that the Request to Shorten Time is being made pursuant to Rule 45 because Rule 51.4 provides that the ALJ may extend the comment or response period but does not address requests to shorten time.

Reasonable cause exists to shorten the time for filing comments on the Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement.

**IT IS RULED that:**

1. Comments on the Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement shall be filed by October 1, 2003 and reply comments shall be filed by October 7, 2003.
2. Electronic service of comments is mandatory. Hard copy service shall be made to parties requesting hard copies.

Dated September 23, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JULIE M. HALLIGAN by LTC

Julie M. Halligan  
Administrative Law Judge

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I have by mail, and by electronic mail to the parties to which an electronic mail address has been provided, this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Shortening Time for Filing Comments on the Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated September 23, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ ELIZABETH LEWIS

Elizabeth Lewis

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